GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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ACQUISITION OF VESSELS BY COAST GUARD
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coast Guard is acquiring more vessels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any proper assessment has been made regarding present activities and the requirement of expansion of Coast Guard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): Government have approved proposals for acquisition of ships/Helicopters by Coast Guard to augment its force levels to carry out duties and functions entrusted to the Organisation. The Charter of duties and functions includes ensuring safety and protection of artificial islands, offshore terminals, structures and devices in maritime zones, enforcing provisions of enactments in the maritime zones, search and rescue operations etc. Different kind of vessels proposed to be acquired are Advanced Offshore Patrol Vessel, Pollution Control Vessel, Offshore Patrol Vessel etc.

(d) & (e): The assessment of requirements of Coast Guard is an ongoing process keeping in view the operational role of the Organisation and increased threat perception as also the increase in area of responsibility. Five years Coast Guard Development Plans are prepared accordingly and vessels/aircrafts/Helicopters/other equipments are inducted.